51. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein in the display instructions indicate a format of the variable data and a display location of the constant data relative to the variable data.

52. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the remote computer also stores a remote revision status in the memory of the remote computer, the remote revision status providing an indication of the last time the constant data stored in the remote computer was updated, the method further comprising the steps of:

storing a main revision status in the memory of the main computer, the main revision status providing an indication of the last time the constant data stored in the main computer was updated;

receiving a remote revision status from a remote computer at the main computer; and

comparing the remote revision status with the main revision status prior to the step of transmitting updated constant data from the main computer to the remote computer.

REMARKS

Applicant has filed, contemporaneously herewith, a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness–type double patenting rejection of claims 1 and 3 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,131,088.

The examiner rejected claims 1, 3-9, 12, 14, 15 and 17- 24 as being obvious over UK Patent No. 2203571 to Benson combined with U.S. Patent No. 5,388,211 to Hornbuckle. Applicant respectfully transverses the examiner's rejections.

Benson relates to a data bank updating system. In Benson, an administration center 30 transmits data alterations to an electronic mail box 20 for a user 10. The mail messages include data alterations and an address in the user's data bank at which the alterations are to be made.

When the user manually requests his mail messages, the data bank is automatically altered. In other words, Benson relies on the user to request that his mail messages be forwarded in order for updates to occur. Benson does not disclose or suggest "selecting one of the products at the remote computer" and "generating a data request query related to the selected product at the remote computer" as claimed in independent claim 1. As the examiner states, similar limitations are in independent claim 18.

Benson's mail request is not a data request query based on a selected product. Therefore, Benson also does disclose or suggest selecting an updated product data at the main computer in response to the data request query related to the selected product. If a user in

Benson does not remember to obtain his mail messages prior to browsing the data bank, outdated information may be viewed on monitor 12.

In addition, the examiner admits that Benson fails to disclose automatically terminating a data link between the remote computer and the main computer. For this feature, the examiner relies on Hornbuckle. Hornbuckle relates to a method and apparatus for remotely controlling and monitoring the use of computer software. In column 10, lines 40-42, Hornbuckle states that the host computer 12 commands RCM 18 to turn off power to the target computer 14. Claims 1 and 18 do not relate to turning off power to a remote computer. Instead, they relate to automatically establishing a data link and automatically terminating the data link at appropriate times.

There is no disclosure or suggestion of any motivation to combine Hornbuckle with Benson to produce the present claimed invention. Even there was a motivation to combine the references, Hornbuckle does not make up for the deficiencies of Benson.

For at least these reasons, neither Benson nor Hornbuckle discloses or suggests specific combinations claimed in independent claims 1 and 18, let alone dependent claims 2-17 and 19-24. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1-24 patentably define the invention over the combination of Benson and Hornbuckle.
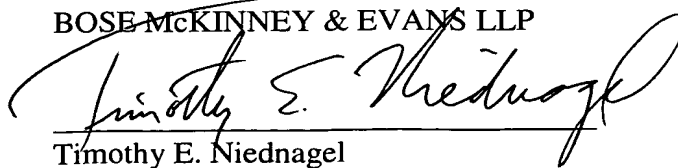
New claims 25-52 have been added. Applicant submits that none of the prior art of record discloses or suggests the combination of elements claimed in new claims 25-52.

For at least all of the above reasons, none of the prior art of record discloses, teaches or suggests Applicant's claimed invention as particularly recited in original claims 1-24 and new claims 25-52. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

In the event that the examiner has any questions related to this response, or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

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